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Veteran Suggests Solution To Housing Problem In Cities

FLYING NEWS FROM K FIELD

The high winds of the past week have somewhat limited the activities at K Field, but interest in flying here on the desert is growing nevertheless.

Paul Tuntland is spending a couple of weeks in Los Angeles talking desert flying to the city birdmen and spreading desert propaganda generally.

Ed Gilpin, Twentynine Palms plumber, started training Sunday, and Howard Culver crossed the goal line with his solo flight a few days ago. Chief Instructor "Put" Putnam says the first solo is usually the easiest. It's the second one that is tough and shows whether they have learned their stuff.

Chas. Weeks of San Francisco, sojourning in Twentynine Palms, has been flying in airplanes for a long time, but made his first solo flight Monday morning. Chas. is a big fellow, but it seemed a considerable increase in chest measurement could be detected when he crawled out of the cockpit after that first solo.

Wally Nugent was out from San Bernardino over Sunday.

Pat Wiser has been trading work, smoothing runways and roadways with his miniature "bulldozer," for flying instruction time.

Chief Putnam says when the winds settle down and the glider school gets moved out and the coast fans really get back to flying "K" Field and the dry lake bed is going to really be a busy place.

GOOD-BYE OHIO

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rut Shelly formerly of Toledo, Ohio, spent the weekend at Rockhaven. While here they purchased a lot in Alta Vista and are planning to build immediately. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shelly feel that our climate and water is just what they need to build up their health. Mrs. Shelly is suffering from arthritis and Mr. Shelly was forced to give up his work in Toledo due to high blood pressure. They own a farm in Ohio and plan to sell out all their interests there and go into some sort of business in Joshua Tree.

ANSWER MADE TO ORDER HERE

By STEWART GEAR,

The housing situation in Southern California presents a sorry picture to the returning veteran, and that the situation is further complicated by red tape, restrictions and interminable delay in securing a permit to build a home, is well known to everyone who has tried to get permission to build. With the material situation such as it is, the prospectve builder has little choice as to kind and sometimes quality, and there again he is stymied by restrictions in the incorporated areas.

NEW TOWNS NEEDED

A veteran writing to the Los Angeles Examiner last week has this to say:

To the Los Angeles Examiner:

The answer to the housing problem may be found in the establishment of new towns which do not have all of the restrictive ordinances found here.

It takes six weeks to get an O.K. on some building permits. One of the bottlenecks is the municipal art commission, I am told by a builder.

There are too many ordinances controlling the type of material sto be used. Little can be done about it, but veterans can organize new communities and see to it that no restrictive laws are enacted.

A VETERAN

Wilmington.

The answer to that letter is made to order right here in this growing desert community. To thousands of returning vets the desert holds a better solution to their problems than any city ever could.

There is not only the problem of housing, but many of these returning soldiers need a certain amount of rehabilitation. They have been through months, even years, of rigid training, close uncomfortable habitation, excitement, danger. Nerves frayed, conditions of living different, problems of

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Praises Development

Mr. Wayne Wilcox, Chief Deputy of the State of California Real Estate Commission, visited Joshua Tree Tuesday. He said while here that he had 17 new subdivisions to investigate this trip, nine of which are along the Twentynine Palms Highway.

He also remarked that several years ago when Mr. Donald Ayres and son started Joshua Tree he was quite skeptical, but has only words of praise for this fine development and was particularly warm in his praise of Mr. Chester Bunker's leadership in this area.

BUYS WATER RESERVE

O. D. Thomas and associates of the Yucca Mesa Estates Company recently purchased sections 3, 7, 5 and 9 of Township 1 North, Range 5 East.

This property lies in the lower end of the Pipes Canyon basin and was reported by Mr. Thomas to have been bought for water reserve.

Painting Contractor Locates Here

One trip to the desert was enough for William A. Cokos and his associate, Elmer Barthlow of Los Angeles, to make up their minds that Joshua Tree was the place they were looking for in their search for a business location.

Cokos and Barthlow are licensed painting contractors and have been in business in Los Angeles for several years.

They motored out Sunday to visit their friend, Jimmy Walker, and were so impressed with our town they immediately decided to move their business to the desert.

In an interview with the two partners they said they have complete shop equipment including first class spray equipment for large work and they said they will move their equipment here just as soon as possible.

In the meantime they have engaged desk space at the JOSHUA JOURNAL building for a temporary office and will be reday to talk business and give estimates beginning next Monday.

They said they intended to buy a commercial building site and erect a shop soon.

Mrs. Barthlow accompanied her husband and was very enthusiastic over the prospects of living on the desert and out of the fog.

MEMBERS OF BRITISH AND NETHERLANDS CONSULATE VACATION IN MORONGO VALLEY

Morongo Valley was honored with the presence of a goodly number of notable guests during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Woerdon of the Netherlands Consulate in San Francisco. They were entertained at Silk's Guest Inn and stayed until January 4. They were high in their praise of Morongo Valley and the courtesies accorded them.

Mrs. A. Davis and daughters, Misses Dorothy and Patricia, were also guests at Silk's during the Christmas week. Mr. Davis is a member of the British Consulate at Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Florsheim and son, of Shoe fame, came out from Los Angeles and stayed until January 7.

Other noted guests at Silk's were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Franklin, formerly of Germany, now in Los Angeles. Our government sent for Mr. Franklin as he is the inventor of the insulation glass used extensively for airplanes.

Dr. C. G. Sutherlin, M.D., of Los Angeles, a frequent visitor in the Valley, came the day after Christmas for a week's vacation.

LIKES JOSHUA TREE BEST

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Gould of Los Angeles have been looking at desert property with the idea of building a home where Mrs. Gould's brother will take up a permanent residence, and they will use it for weekends and vacations.

Mr. Gould is a business consultant with offices in Los Angeles. After looking at property in all the surrounding towns they picked Joshua Tree as the ideal spot—meeting all their requirements. They plan to return shortly when they will be ready to carry out their plans.

SISTER PASSES ON

Mrs. Emily Frike, sister of Milo T. Crane of Joshua Tree, died in Pasadena Sunday, January 6.

Mrs. Frike was 76 years old and had been ill for some months.

The remains were shipped to Quincy, Illinois, for interment.

H. V. LAW EXHIBITS AT JOSHUA TREE

H. Victor Law is spending several weeks at Joshua Tree in the interest of his painting. His work, many pictures which were shown at one-man shows in New York, are on exhibition in the shop, next to the JOSHUA JOURNAL, until the afternoon of Jan. 14.

BOB GORHAM WRITES

Bob Gorham, Inglewood Tire Merchant, who is going to build a tire shop in Joshua Tree, writes that the flu in his organization has tied him down so that he has been unable to get out here to get his building started.

He says, however, that he will be out just as soon as possible, and promises that sometime this spring we will have a first class tire and auto accessory establishment.

He is also going to build a home here.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING ON FRIDAY

The Joshua Tree Women's Club will hold its regular meeting on Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. This is to be guest day and a special invitation has been extended to the members of the Twentynine Palms Women's club to attend. Alice Powell Beckford has been asked to take charge of the program and she is planning to have H. Victor Law, a well-known artist as the speaker. Mr. Law will illustrate his talk with several of his own pictures.

ORNAMENTAL BUILDING STONE

Wortley and Brown, mortarless cement block manufacturers, are showing samples of ornamental building stone they are getting from the New York Mountains about 150 miles north of here.

This stone is beautiful to behold and can be used for mantels and fireplaces.

The stone is an agatized quartz, that is hard enough to be cut and polished and is obtainable in slabs large enough for small table tops and coffee tables.

It is their intention to put in machinery at their plant in Yucca Valley to cut and polish the stone on order.

They also have two other types of stone for building purposes. Samples of all this stone is on display at the JOSHUA JOURNAL office.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS GALA TIME

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS MUSIC, DANCING, REFRESHMENTS

The regular monthly meeting of the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce Saturday night, January 12, is to be a gala affair, and will probably see the largest gathering of desert folks, ever seen here.

The occasion for the celebration will be a "house warming" of the new Crane office and salesroom building, which is nearing completion.

President Chester R. Bunker promises some important announcements, as well as speeches, music, dancing and refreshments. The Chamber is bringing in a dance orchestra for the occasion.

President Bunker is planning a year of much activity and development for the Chamber and the town and he is anxious to have every member present and to bring a friend. Mr. Bunker says there are a number of important developments in the offing that he wants to announce officially and to talk about.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors at the Townsite office Friday night, January 11, at 7 p.m.

On Saturday night the Chamber will meet in regular session at 8 o'clock p.m. at the Crane Building, and festivities will begin after the regular session.

NOTICE

Membership dues to the Chamber of Commerce were due Jan. 1, 1946.

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Mining in the Monument

On November 15, 1945, Congressman Harry Sheppard introduced in the House of Representatives a bill to reduce and revise the boundaries of the Joshua Tree National Monument. It is H.B. 4703.

The major purpose of the bill is to release some 10,000 mines so the owners can develop them.

The revised boundaries would include Lost Horse Valley, Hidden Valley, The Wonderland of Rocks and the best part of the Joshua Tree Forest, some 400,000 acres of the most scenically beautiful part of the Park as it now stands.

The part that it is proposed to eliminate is far more valuable to the state and to us here on the desert for its mineral wealth than its scenic value.

If the mining interests are permitted to operate their properties it will mean much to the economic development of our state. It will provide employment for large numbers of men, and make the towns of this desert valley, trading points for supplies.

To retain these valuable mineral resources within the Monument and prevent their development, just to provide a playground for people to roam in, seems foolish, especially when most of the territory containing the mines is scenically uninteresting.

Congressman Sheppard's bill also carries a rider appropriating money to acquire title to privately owned land within the new boundaries when adjusted. If we are going to have a real National Monument and properly supervised and preserved for the people to enjoy, private ownership within the boundaries should be eliminated. As the population within a given area increases the fire hazard increases proportionately and in the desert atmosphere a fire out of control in the Joshua Tree Forest, which the Monument is interested to preserve, would destroy it. Let's support Congressman Sheppard and his bill in the interest of the economic development of our desert and our state, and in the preservation of one of nature's wonderlands.

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GUESTS AT DESERTAIRE LODGE

Mrs. Clara Stine and daughter, Mrs. Addie Groves for the past week.

Frederick Fulham of Los Angeles staying several days for recuperation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Victor Law from Revelstoke, B. C. The Laws are artists and Mrs. Law has had a gallery in Palm Springs the past two seasons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Haven from Glendale.

Mrs. Mae Brandon from Hollywood.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Keys announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Ellen Keys, to Raymond K. McLeod of Twentynine Palms.

HOUSING PROBLEM

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civilian life to readjust to, most of these men would find the peace and quiet, the freedom and friendliness of the new desert community of Joshua Tree the ideal place for that readjustment.

The housing problem is easily solved here. There are no irksome restrictions as to size, style or material, no multitude of inspectors to satisfy.

Only common sense and good building practice is required of the home builder here. Certain state safety codes have to be compiled with, but the yare not onerous and are for the protection of the builder. Suitable building materials are available. The favorable material, cement blocks, are made here and readily obtainable at a reasonable price. Sand and gravel for concrete is obtainable at practically pre-war prices. Reliable contractors and builders are available, or if a man chooses, there is nothing to prevent him doing his own building.

Rentals are few, but there are good homes, ready to move into that can be purchased on easy terms, and more under construction.

There is employment at good wages, and business opportunity almost without limit.

The veterans suggestion is a good one and the answer is here—made to order—a new town, with more healthful living conditions, freedom and opportunity thrown in.

ERROR

In Dr. Norman Cooper's editorial "RE-COOPER-ATE" in last week's issue, an error was made in the title. Instead of "Scientists and Ivory Flowers" it should have read, "Scientists and Ivory Towers."

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LANGES GO TO SANTA MONICA

Mr. and Mrs. Algot Lange are leaving for Santa Monica this week. They say they regret having to leave this good desert scenery and air, and will miss the congeniality of the community, but Mr. Lange has received a commission from the Douglas Aircraft Co. in Santa Monica to do some precision mechanical work for them.

Mr. Lange says they expect to return in the spring and plans to build a Spanish style home on their lot.

Thomas - Merrill Nuptials

Kennetha Thomas was married Sunday, January 6, 1946, in the Chapel of the Christian Church at Burbank, California, to R. Merrill of Oceanside. O. D. Thomas gave the bride away.

Miss Thomas was winner of the Chicago International Art Exhibit in 1941 and will have an exhibit in Twentynine Palms in February, under the auspices of the Twentynine Palms Woman's Club.

Miss Thomas visited here last summer and was present at our Corral Day Celebration, at which time she painted the scene of the Rodeo.

Saw Service With Stillwell in Burma

C. A. Russell, tract office manager for Tinch & Smith at Morongo Valley, knows what it is to walk for he spent 27 months with General Stilwell in Burma.

Russell was with the 15th Infantry Division and his particular outfit was on the Yangtze River Patrol from Hankow into Burma, a distance of 600 miles. They would walk 300 miles and rest two weeks and walk the other 300 miles, rest, and start back again. They only had 400 men for the job.

He says they didn't see so much fighting, but their greatest hazard was from the uncertain Burmese and Jap planes.

As the result of Jap bombs, Russell carries 32 fragmentation wounds in his legs and spent three months in the hospital on Friendship Island.

Russell enlisted as a private, was commissioned in the field and came out with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Greetings

About 10 March, it is our plan to open a business in Joshua Tree. We will have a DINING ROOM and feature SPAGHETTI dinners with appropriate wines.

Dinner parties are invited and with 6 or more, the dining room will be closed to the public during the party.

Reservations for parties should be made a few days in advance.

We appreciate the hospitality shown as the New Year was celebrated and with God's Will, we hope to be with our new friends for many, many years.

The

Belows

Know Your Neighbor

By ALICE POWELL BECKFORD

Mrs. Elinor Hall of Los Angeles spent the weekend here looking over her property and making plans for a future Art Center.

Mrs. Hall is well-known in art circles both in this country and abroad. Ever since she purchased her first piece of property here, Mrs. Hall has dreamed of the time when she could build a worth-while art center and possibly a home for retired artists. She began her art studies when quite young studying still-life in the Buffalo University of Art where she won a scholarship under Anne Crawford. Later she studied portraiture in New York City under H. Christine Lumsdon. After leaving New York she made her home in Washington, D. C., where she founded the Hotchkiss School of Music and Art. (She was then Mrs. Hotchkiss). Shortly after founding this school she married Dr. Hall and went to Athens to the American Legatino; from there she went to Constantinople where Dr. Hall was an attache at the embassy.

Mrs. Hall has a studio in Hollywood which is furnished in Turkish style, some of the hangings having come from the Sultan's Palace as well as a lovely gold clock with Arabic numerals. Beside this clock stands a statue of Venus which was done by Mrs. Hall as she is a sculptor as well as a painter. When she entertains she serves Turkish coffee in tiny beaten gold cups and has many fascinating tales to tell of her life in the Far East. Many of her pictures are on display in her studio and all of them show an unusual treatment of color. Monsieur M. A. Guerin of the St. Matthew Gallery of Washington, connoisseur and collector, has referred to Mrs. Hall's work as a revelation of an entirely new school of painting.

NEWLYWEDS GO VISITING

Boots and Bill Turner, recently married, are leaving Joshua Tree for a while. They are going to visit his parents in Quickville, Tennessee, by way of Dallas, Tex., and Durante, Oklahoma.

They are going by car to Dallas and by train from there. After their visit in Quickville, they plan to go to Detroit, Mich., about February 1st.

Mrs. L. B. Pfeiffer says she has given up hopes of ever getting her own home.

Mr. Pfeiffer built one house and had it just about finished when Mrs. Elsie Iverson came to town and wanted it. Then Pfeiffer started a neat cement block house and had it near the finishing stage when Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Quimby of Los Angeles came along Sunday, liked the house and bought it.

Now the Pfeiffers can do it all over again.

Jess Rowell has sold his home, The Spa, to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Davis of Twentynine Palms.

Jess says he will build another home on some of his other property.

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BOOK REVIEW

By NORMA CAMPBELL

Judge Cass Timberlane's life, consisting of being a Judge, a lover, a social worker and society participant, is portrayed very vividly by Sinclair Lewis in his novel, "Cass Timberlane."

The Judge is middle aged and a diligent citizen, but falls in love with a young girl, Jinny Marshland, who shapes his life to exciting living. This girl is exceedingly interesting. She effects the Judge's actions for better and for worse. She gives him love and hate, happiness and sorrow, fun and boredom and inward peace and war. In fact, the things she does gives life to the story and something for women to talk about for some time to come.

This story, laid in Grand Republic, an imaginary city in Minnesota, is interspersed with recent history, of Pearl Harbor and how it effected this Averange American Town and the people in it. The traveling done by Cass and Jinny takes you about the United States and is pictured so expressively that you can easily take an almost-realistic journey with them.

Sinclair Lewis has done an excellent job in portraying "An Assemblage of Husbands and Wives." He takes the married couples of Grand Republic and gives an account, in short, of their lives, so real that you know you are in a modern city, and these people are your neighbors.

Fiction yet veritable.

Sunday Song Service

There was a very good attendance at the first "Song Service" which was held last Sunday afternoon at th Celub House. Mrs. James A. Parker was at the piano and Mrs. Joseph Wagner led the singing. Inasmuch as so much interest was shown at this first meeting it was decided to make it a regular Sunday event with possibly a Sunday School for the children and a Bible Class for adults.

The meetings which are being sponsored by the Joshua Tree Women's Club will start at 4 p.m. each Sunday. Mrs. Wagner, who is the General Curator for the Club would like to have those who are interested in either of the classes get in touch with her so that she may make the necessary arrangements for teachers.

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THE HIGH COST OF KEEPING WELL

Medical Association Fights Socialized Medicine

(Continued from last week)

It's truly said, that at present in this country only the very rich and the very poor can get the proper medical and nursing skill. The exceedingly wealthy can pay the gouging doctors high prices while the extremely poor, get their top level skill and aid in our well equipped public clinics.

The large middle class in between, which is the greatest number, must struggle along either depriving themselves and their families of adequate attention or limiting that aid to stark life and death necessity, sometimes only at the last desperate minute.

President Truman has endeavored just a few days ago to rectify this great discrepancy. He has attempted to formulate a workable plan where all people in the United States, rich, middle class, or poor alike, all Americans—may receive the highest type of complete medical assistance that modern medical science today has available at easy and reasonable rates.

What are the results of the President's magnamimous offer to help all our people? One result is, simply the medical profession is endeavoring to block the plan, and throw all opposition it can against the new bill. In effect they say to the country—we don't want it—we want to run our own sick lines and charge what we please, when we please. Further, if the Truman Medical Plan goes into effect we may lose some of our exorbitant fees.—we don't like socialized medicine, if you please, and will fight strenuously as a group to keep it out of America.

That roughly, is what the American Medical Association has been lobbying into Congressmen's ears, the press and the public. Translated into common language, it means—the hard-shelled doctoring profession represented by the American Medical Association, do not want the great benefits of the new medical science to be available on such a common basis. They want the poor to go to the clinics and very wealthy to continue paying their exorbitant fees.

That means also that the medical profession is not for universal public health. They are for good health for a selected few. What they seem to want is still longer lines in their waiting rooms. They want more visits, more fees, high fees.

Unfortunately for the doctors of America, millions of our returning soldiers have seen at first hand through the remarkable services of the army medical corps institutions, fine medical aid quickly and efficiently applied to all—stripped of all its frills and much of the

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Personal Mention

Mrs. Mae Brandon who is employed in the Hollywood Hospital was a guest at Desertaire Lodge over the weekend. Mrs. Brandon sold her home in Arkansas some time ago and came west to visit her daughter who lives in L. A.; she likes the climate out here so much better than that of her former home that she has decided to become a permanent resident and thinks that Joshua Tree will probbably be the spot she will select for her home.

Mrs. Cheser R. Bunker returned to Joshua Tree to bask in the sunshine and recuperate from a sprained ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Rembe of Long Beach purchased property last weekend and are looking forward to the time when they can spend all their weekends and vacations with us in Joshua Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Shelly of Los Angeles purchased a residence lot from the Townsite Company Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Youker, of Melody Rancho, are planning to build some rentals as they realize the urgent need of them in our fast growing community.

C. W. Currier and sister, Bonnie, of Glendale spent Sunday here and purchased a residence lot on which they plan to build later.

Mrs. Elinor Hall and Mrs. Agnes Allard guested at Miramonte Courts. Miss Allard is an art student of Mrs. Hall's.

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Morongo and Yucca Valleys

Mrs. Ruth Stuart is correspondent for the JOSHUA JOURNAL in Yucca Valley. A note addressed to Box 162, Yucca Valley, will bring her post haste to get your story or subscription.

Morongo Valley folks are asked to get in touch with Mrs. H. M. Hess, JOURNAL correspondent, when they have news items.

John L. Redden of Redlands spent two days last week in the Valley, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. "Doc" Ater. He was a dinner guest at Stuart's Hidden Rancho on Thursday, climaxing a sightseeing trip through the area.

O. S. Dean and J. L. McBee of Desert Hot Springs stopped at the JOURNAL office Sunday afternoon enroute home, after what they described as a most enjoyable drive through Joshua National Monument, climaxed by a visit to Key's View, which they reported had considerable snow. They said it was the "finest weather they'd seen." Both are among Desert Hot Springs oldtimers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Silk had as Xmas guests Mrs. Silk's son, Michael Cassady and new bride, her mother, Mrs. G. W. McFarland, also Mr. and Mrs. George Selby and two children. Mr. Selby has been discharged from the service. Mr. Cassady is on the battleship Nevada, located at Pearl Harbor.

Mrs. H. M. Hess is confined to her home with the flu.

NEW HORIZONS

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conventional window dressing.

Sorry, doctor, but you are only fooling yourself—you who oppose spreading modern medical science for the benefit of rich and poor alike. Call it what you want—some kind of Government control or socialized medicine is coming right along.

The biggest reason for its fast adoption here in America is the organized, obnoxious oppression and opposition to it by the medical profession itself. Sooner or later the Government will see that modern medical science is made available to all Americans, not just the very wealthy or the very poor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scott entertained their entire family over the Christmas holidays. Their son, Jack is recently home from three and one half years in the Navy, has been discharged. The other son Dick, who is still in the Navy, has returned to duty, but hopes to get a discharge before so long. Evelyn, and family of Norwalk were present together with Mrs. Dorothy Ballard and little son, Arthur and the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton, nee Lola Scott.

One of the main features of entertainment at the Morongo Social club's Christmas dinner writeup at the Morongo Inn as a closing feature was ommitted. It was a very amusing comedy of a doctor, (Milford Weis), Nurse (Mrs. Dorothy Ballard) and their patient (Carl DeLand) with Mrs. DeLand as director. It was staged behind a sheet with a light in the background which threw their shadows on the sheet, showing the operation, etc. Their voices were audable and it caused a riot of merriment.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Grimes entertained their son, Marvin and wife a few days before Christmas. They reside at Santa Monica, near where Mr. Grimes is employed, but they prefer the desert climate so expect to leave soon for Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Richards and two children were Christmas guests at the H. M. Hess home. Christmas eve Mrs. Hess entertained a number of the Morongo children at a tree in honor of Richard.

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JUST THINKING

By THE PACK RAT

It occurs to me that the liberty loving people of these United States had better wake up and do something about the red plague that is infesting our land or shortly we will be the ERSTWHILE liberty loving people.

It is the "it can't happen here" attitude that is making it so easy for this 'ism' to infest our schools, our government, our labor organizations and undermine the very foundation of our democracy.

To those who think our American way of life, call it capitalistic if you want to, is not a success and would change it for some European or Asiatic 'ism,' let 'me ask you who put up the money and men and machines to save bankrupt, decadent England, and put up billions to strengthen the backbone of red Russia, and who is now being asked to supply some ten billion simoleons to these same countries, and more to rebuild starving wrecked Europe?

And that brings to memory a song that was sung a lot back in 1917-18 "Don't bite the hand that's feeding you."

Wake up AMERICANS and muzzle that dog before he tears you limb from limb.

Dr. Norman C. Cooper went into Los Angeles Monday on business and expects to return Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Stickles of El Monte, Calif., and Miss Sophie Bente of Los Angeles surprised their friends Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mitchell when they dropped in for a short visit last Sunday.

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He says the gas tax money is apportioned according to the number of cars registered in the district, and until such time as Joshua Tree has its own postoffice, registering the car in San Bernardino County is not sufficient to insure our district getting the tax money on the gasoline sold in the district.

In the interest of better roads here, car owners are urged to be sure they specify Twentynine Palms district in their 1946 applications.

IN SANTA BARBARA

Mrs. Alice Hibbard and Miss Josephine Jackson spent Thursday to Saturday in Santa Barbara.

They went there to visit Aunt May's son, Forrest Wilson, who was going through the Sansome Clinic for treatment.

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Plants That Grow on The Desert

By MAUDE A. FOX

Indoors or on the glassed-in porch we were speaking of last week one could raise two or three Begonias. Among the more hardy ones are, Feastii, Coraline Lucerne, and Sunderbruckii. Of course none of them will stand for extreme cold and most of these like the east sun this time of the year, if not direct. You know any Begonia is strictly a shade plant. The old favorite is Feastii—or by its common name, Beegsteak Begonia. It is the one our grandmother gave such a prominent place on her porch. This plant is low growing, that is squatty, with round thick bright green leaves, some as large as your hand. That is if you haven't too large a hand! Its beautiful pink flowers form on long stems springing up through the leaves. These blooms form a cascade of many delicate flowers. If conditions are favorable there will be numbers of these cascades. A Beefsteak Begonia is indeed a comfort to anyone loving flowers. Sunderbruckii belongs to the Star Begonia group and one of the most outstanding of all. 'Twas always my favorite. Its star shaped leaves look like a piece of Mi-lady's velvet gown (before the war). Sometimes emerald green, sometimes brownish and then again almost black with silver veins. The flowers are a deeper pink than the Beefsteak and larger, with thicker stems. It is a honey.

The Coraline Lucerne probably is as well-known as any Begonia and it certainly has a deep Coral colored flower. The blooms hang in large clusters and is one of the showest of all Begonias. It grows rather tall and has beautiful long green leaves with her underneath. All of these Begonias must be planted in acid soil, that means for the most part leafmould. They must be watered frequently and not fussed with. Begonias are like Garbo—they like to be left alone! There are many other lovely Begonias we might write about, the Rex for instance, but they would not, be happy on the desert. Of course we could be wrong—but we feel sure the three mentioned here would live in a sheltered part of one of these glassed-in porches here. Anyway it's worth trying.

HEP - TALK

By TEEN-AGER

Back to school again to start a rip-roaring New Year. Several pupils are already lamenting over broken resolutions.

No one need journey far to shout madly at a boxing match, for one is held every noon between the "hi-ups" and "the sweaters" (meaning Juniors and Seniors.)The object of the gory battles at noon is whether the seniors will hold a meeting in Miss Deacy's class room or 'twil it be the Juniors. So far the damage has cost us one window and teacher's patience!

Herbert Haws (better known as "The Car,") has come to better our school by one. Also Kaye Lutz is back for the second term and seems as happy about it as we. Another possible enrollment for the second term was our favorite visitor last year. She's Mary Sue. Hope she's here to say—she's one swell gal.

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